

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the subtitle and text of the Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

~~The invention concerns a connecting structure comprising a metal tubular element (9) including one end (10) crimped in an orifice (7) of the plate (4) and press fitted in a channel (15) of a plastic connecting member (12) including a chamber (13) emerging outwards through an orifice (14) enabling connection to a fluid circuit section. The invention is useful in particular for producing fuel cells wherein the plate (4), forming parallel channels, constitute a current collector with gas circulating channels in contact with a proton-exchanging membrane.~~

Connecting structures made of a tubular metal element. The structure has a tubular metal element which is connected to the orifice of a chamber. The chamber is made of a thin metal sheet. The structure also has a duct shaped connecting member which is sealed onto the other end of the tubular metal element. The structure may be used for producing fuel cells when the plate which forms parallel channels, is a current collector with gas circulating channels in contact with a proton-exchanging membrane.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet